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To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the eligibility of parents of certain deceased veterans for interment in national cemeteries.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. KERRY introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. INTERMENT IN NATIONAL CEMETERIES OF**
4 **PARENTS OF CERTAIN DECEASED VETERANS.**

5 (a) INTERMENT OF PARENTS OF CERTAIN DE-
6 CEASED VETERANS.—Section 2402 of title 38, United
7 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
8 lowing new paragraph:

9 “(9) The parent of a person listed in any of
10 paragraphs (1) through (4) or paragraph (7) who, at

1 the time of the parent's death, does not have a
2 spouse, surviving spouse, or child who has been in-
3 terred, or who, if deceased, would be eligible to be
4 interred, in a national cemetery pursuant to para-
5 graph (5), but only if—

6 “(A) the person so listed dies before the
7 parent; and

8 “(B)(i) the plot in which the person so list-
9 ed is interred contains sufficient space for the
10 interment of the parent; and

11 “(ii) the parent is interred in that plot.”.

12 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Paragraph (9) of section
13 2402 of title 38, United States Code, shall apply with re-
14 spect to the death of an eligible parent on or after the
15 date of the enactment of this Act.

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